

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A non-consumable pet toy comprising:

a resilient first concave-shaped molded member ~~having~~including a first peripheral edge having a first arcuate notch;

a resilient second concave-shaped molded member ~~having~~including a second peripheral edge having a second arcuate notch, the first and second concave-shaped members defining a treat-retaining cavity between them that a pet can at least partially interact with; and

a fastener extending through the treat-retaining cavity and fastening the first concave-shaped member to the second concave-shaped member such that the first peripheral edge is selectably spaced from the second peripheral edge.

2. (original) The non-consumable pet toy of claim 1, wherein the fastener is adjustable relative to at least one of the first and second members to permit selection of the space between the first peripheral edge and the second peripheral edge.

3. (canceled).

4. (currently amended) The non-consumable pet toy of claim 3~~1~~, wherein the first arcuate notch can be aligned with the second arcuate notch to form an opening to the treat-retaining cavity.

5. (original) The non-consumable pet toy of claim 1, wherein the fastener comprises a threaded fastener.

6. (original) The non-consumable pet toy of claim 1, wherein the first member has a first center hub and the second member has a second center hub, the first and second hubs form at least a portion of the fastener.

7. (original) The non-consumable pet toy of claim 6, wherein the fastener comprises a threaded fastener that threadably engages the first and second center hubs.

8. (currently amended) The non-consumable pet toy of claim 6, wherein the fastener comprises a female fastener on the first center hub and a ~~female~~ fastener on the second center hub.

9. (original) The non-consumable pet toy of claim 6, wherein the fastener is formed of a material different than the first member and the second member.

10. (original) The non-consumable pet toy of claim 6, wherein the fastener is formed of rigid nylon.

11. (original) The non-consumable pet toy of claim 10, wherein the first and second members comprise an elastomer.

12. (original) The non-consumable pet toy of claim 6, wherein the first center hub includes a plurality of different levels each having a seat portion and the second center hub includes a ledge portion, the first center hub configured to engage the second center hub by constricting the ledge portion of the second center hub and by allowing the ledge portion to fit in each seat portion.

13. (original) The non-consumable pet toy of claim 7, wherein the fastener includes a threaded fastener having substantially squared threads.

14. (original) A method for entertaining an animal with a non-consumable pet toy, the method comprising:

- providing a first concave-shaped molded member having a first peripheral edge and a second concave-shaped member having a second peripheral edge, the first and second members forming a treat-retaining cavity between them;

- placing a treat into the treat-retaining cavity;

- fastening the first and second members with a fastener to form a pet toy so that the first peripheral edge is a selected distance from the second peripheral edge, the fastener extending centrally through the treat-retaining cavity and the treat; and

- giving the pet toy to the animal.

15. (original) The method of claim 14, wherein fastening the first and second concave-shaped members further comprises adjusting the selectable distance between the first peripheral edge and the second peripheral edge to form a selected peripheral opening.

16. (original) The method of claim 14, wherein fastening the first and second members further comprises threadably engaging a first center hub of the first concave-shaped member with a second center hub of the second concave-shaped member.

17. (original) The method of claim 14, wherein fastening the first and second members further comprises threadably engaging the first member to the second member with a screw.

18. (original) The method of claim 14, wherein fastening the first and second members further comprises engaging a first center hub of the first member with a second center hub of the second member by forcing a ledge portion of the second center hub through the first center hub to fit in a seat portion at a plurality of different levels in the first center hub.

19-22. (canceled)

23. (previously presented) The non-consumable pet toy of claim 1, wherein the treat-retaining cavity includes a plurality of granular treats.

24. (previously presented) The method of claim 14, wherein placing the treat into the treat-retaining cavity comprises filling the treat-retaining cavity with a plurality of granular treats.